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CHAIRMAN REYES STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT’S SIGNING OF REVISED EXECUTIVE ORDER 12333

Washington, DC - *House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Chairman Silvestre Reyes (D-TX) today released the following statement regarding the President’s signing of Revised Executive Order 12333:*

“For months, the Administration has worked to revise Executive Order 12333, which sets forth the organization of the U.S. Intelligence Community. The purpose of the order is to enhance coordination among the intelligence agencies and ensure that all intelligence operations are conducted pursuant to law and our Constitution.

“Today, the Committee will be briefed on this important document. We will ask the necessary questions and conduct vigorous oversight to ensure that our intelligence operations are effective and that they protect the constitutional rights of all Americans.

“I support efforts to strengthen the authority of the Director of National Intelligence and end the turf wars that have plagued American intelligence. However, I am deeply disappointed that the President did not seek congressional or public input into this document. We were only shown the document after it was complete and on its way to the President for his signature.

“After seven years of a go-it-alone presidency, perhaps I should expect nothing more from this White House. But this order will be binding on future administrations as well. For that reason, we must conduct effective oversight, so that we can advise the next President of whether this order should remain in effect or should be repealed.”